



Photo by Staff Sgt. Gary Fowler

Tetsuro Hayashi, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight crew chief, radios his crew during training. Hayashi was named the 1999 Department of Defense Civilian Firefighter of the Year.

Hot Stuff

Kadena firefighter wins DOD Civilian Firefighter of the Year award

By Senior Airman Jennifer Dixon
Shogun associate editor

When most people think of a split personality, they think of someone like the fictional character Dr. Jekyll and his alter ego, Mr. Hyde.

Tetsuro Hayashi, an 18th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight crew chief and the 1999 Department of Defense Firefighter of the Year, says he has two different personalities, but neither is evil. He simply means that he is one way at work — "totally by-the-book" — and another at home — completely "laid back" and "totally relaxed."

At work, Hayashi sees himself as a "stiff" person — someone who doesn't stop until the job is complete.

His co-workers don't quite see him that way. They say he is very dedicated, always looking for something to do, but that he also is laid back and very easy to work and get along with.

"He's a hard worker, always busy," said Senior Airman Eric Knaub, an 18th CES Fire Protection Flight medic. "Whenever he's on, there are no 'bumps in the road.'"

Everyone who works with Hayashi says he's easy to get along with.

"He likes to tell a joke now and then, but he always stays focused on the job," said Airman 1st Class Robert Rexeisen, an 18th CES Fire Protection Flight firefighter. "He takes his job very seriously."

Francis Ishikawa, a five-year local-national firefighter with the 18th CES Fire Protection Flight, has been working with Hayashi for most of his time as a firefighter.

"He is very dedicated, a complete professional, very easy-going, and a total hard-charger," Ishikawa said. "But not only is he my supervisor, he also is my friend."

Ishikawa and Hayashi spend a lot of time together away from work — whether it's playing sports or going out on the town. The two met at the fire station and their friendship has grown from there.

Hayashi also reaches out to the military members of his crew. He invites them to barbecues at his home and plays softball and other sports with them.

"We came out (to his house) to a huge plate of ribs and mashed potatoes," said Airman 1st Class Erica Rice, an 18th CES Fire Protection Flight medic. "He's just a really good guy — one of the best I've worked with."

"He is a dedicated, loyal individual who is always looking for ways to improve the operation," said Chief Master Sgt. Tony Rabonza, 18th CES Fire Protection Flight chief. "I'm very proud of Tetsuro Hayashi. He is truly someone who works hard, but is not in the limelight."

The chief explained that Hayashi is always

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New dining hall has grand opening Oct. 1

By Staff Sgt. Orville Desjarlais
Kadena Shogun editor

Kadena's newest dining facility since 1967, the Johnson Dining Facility opened its doors to the public Oct. 1.

The new \$5.4 million facility is the first in a series of improvements, according to 18th Wing Commander Brig. Gen. James B. Smith. "This new dining facility represents our stability in this region and Japan, especially Okinawa. It's all part of a plan to upgrade our dining halls and dorms for our younger troops," he said during the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Additional dining facility renovations include planned upgrades at the Strickland Dining Facility in December and the Quick Turn in February, and building a brand new dining facility in February 2001.

Located in Building 772, the name remains the same of the building it replaces — the Johnson

Dining Facility. It's named after Col. James K. Johnson who commanded the 4th Fighter Interceptor Wing in Korea from Nov. 11, 1952 until the end of the fighting in July 1953. Flying F-86 Sabres, he was credited with 10 aerial victories over MiG-15s. Johnson scored his kills while flying with the 335th Fighter Interceptor Squadron. He was the first and only double jet ace wing commander and first and only commander of a supersonic bomb wing.

The new facility is 4,488 square feet and can seat 260 people in two separate dining rooms. It houses about \$400,000 worth of new kitchen equipment and has its own bakery — something no other Kadena dining facility houses. More than 60 military and Japanese employees work there. "You'll see a wonderful group of Okinawan friends helping to serve food in this new dining hall. Say thanks as they're part of this great relationship between two great nations," Smith pointed out.

A new customer information line has been installed. To discover the latest menu information, call 634-3304.



By Staff Sgt. Orville Desjarlais

Staff Sgt. Keith Johnson, 18th Services Squadron, gets lunch served to him by Johnson Dining Facility mess attendant Masako Matishi during the dining hall's grand opening Oct. 1.

Hours of operation

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday: 5:30-8:30 a.m. for breakfast, 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch, 3-8 p.m. for dinner, and 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. for the midnight meal. During weekends and holidays, meals are 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for brunch, 3-7 p.m. for summer and 10 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. for the midnight meal.

October is Domestic Violence Prevention Month; focus on dispelling myths, learning signs of abuse

By the Kadena Family
Advocacy Program

October is considered National Domestic Violence Prevention Month, but what does domestic violence actually mean? To many people, domestic violence is something 'bad', 'unspeakable', and 'happens to others.'

Domestic violence can involve anyone — regardless of education, race or status. Fear, shame and pain are often associated with domestic violence, which leads to feelings of isolation and helplessness.

There are many misconceptions about domestic violence. Some of these include:

Separating facts from myths

Myth: Domestic violence only happens in poor families.

Fact: Domestic violence crosses all economic boundaries. It happens in wealthy as well as middle class and poor homes.

Myth: Domestic violence happens in rural areas or ghettos - not in nice neighborhoods.

Fact: Domestic violence happens in all neighborhoods (even here on Kadena).

Myth: Only people of little education would beat their spouses and only ignorant and uneducated people would tolerate the beating.

Fact: Education is not a factor. Both abuser and victim may be highly educated.

Myth: Domestic violence is more common with some racial and ethnic groups.

Fact: Abuse occurs across all ethnic boundaries, victims and abusers are of all races and ethnic backgrounds.

Myth: You can tell a potential abuser by looking at him/her.

Fact: Abusers of both sexes can be very attractive, charming and kind. They also frequently have very good social skills.

Myth: Abusers are usually young and eventually outgrow the behavior as they mature.

Fact: All age groups have the potential to abuse. Furthermore, an abuser rarely stops the abuse on his/her own. Contrarily, if no treatment is received, the abuse only gets worse and may even lead to death.

According to "The Battered Woman's Survival Guide," 25 percent of all murders occur in the home and involve family members. Reportedly, one woman out of every two will be physically abused at some time in her life by a husband, lover or boyfriend. Seventy percent of all emergency room assault cases are women. Half of America's women are in more danger of being physically injured by a family member in their own home than they are of being attacked by a stranger on the streets.

It has been estimated that 80 percent of domestic violence cases are not reported. There are many reasons why this is so.

First, physical abuse creates much shame in its victim. In turn, this shame may produce guilt; the victim somehow feels they are the cause of their partner's violent behavior. They mistakenly believe that if they are more understanding and supportive, the abuser will stop the violent behavior.

Second, because abusers often threaten to harm their victim's family members, victims will try to protect others they care about by keeping the incidences of abuse secret. Often this need for secrecy causes the victim to pull away from extended family members and friends. This combination of shame, guilt, and the need for secrecy leaves victims feeling trapped and isolated.

Finally, for some victims, cultural upbringing may prevent them from seeking help. This may be related to their cultural belief system, an inability to communicate the abuse to others, or simply because of the cultural difference, not knowing where to turn for help. These are just a

few of the reasons victims fail to leave their abusive relationships.

Warning Signs of an Abusive Relationship:

- Has your partner ever threatened to physically hurt you? Does he/she tell you that it is your fault that he/she is so angry that he/she feels like hurting you?
- Is your partner overly critical of you? Does he/she call you "stupid," "ugly," or other demeaning and degrading names?
- Have you ever found yourself making excuses to friends or family about bruises, bumps, cuts or other marks caused by something your partner intentionally did to you?
- Has your partner ever shoved you? Has your partner ever pushed you, slapped you, or hit you with a fist? Does he/she intentionally leave marks on your body where they will not show?
- Does your partner demean your goals and dreams and tell you they are silly or you are incapable of reaching them?
- Does your partner try to keep you from your family and friends? Isolate you?
- Does your partner try to make you believe that he/she is the only one who cares about you and that you cannot live without him/her?
- Does your partner become hostile and violent when drinking and then blame his/her violent behavior on the alcohol?

If you are experiencing any of the above behaviors from your partner, it is important that you seek help. Call 634-0433 - Kadena Family Advocacy Program - for assistance. A professional will discuss your situation with you and help you receive the necessary treatment. Remember victims do not cause violence. The abuser is responsible for his/her own actions. And the abuser seldom quits the abuse on his/her own.

Secretary of Air Force says new pay reform is fair to all

By Whit Peters
Secretary of the Air Force

I know there is concern among enlisted members about the fairness of pay table reform. However, let's not lose sight of the bottom line: Airmen are about to have their best year in terms of pay and benefits in almost two decades.

The Jan. 1 pay raise will be 4.8 percent, the largest since 1982. Pay table reform, which takes effect July 1, will give an additional raise to 82 percent of our enlisted members and 57 percent of commissioned officers.

Congress has pledged to fund future raises that will narrow the pay gap between military and private-sector wages.

Best estimates are that pay raises will be in the neighborhood of 4.4 percent annually through 2006.

And that's just basic pay. To get the whole picture, look at what else has happened. Congress and the Clinton Administration have agreed to repeal the Redux retirement plan, ensuring everyone 50 percent retirement pay at 20 year and full cost-of-living allowances.

The budget also gives us Career Enlisted Flyer Incentive Pay (CEFIP) for our aircrews, larger maximum enlistment and re-enlistment bonuses, Temporary Living Expense for airmen moving to their first assignments and \$225 million above the president's budget for Basic Allowance for Housing.

Finally, the budget keeps us on schedule for one-plus-one dormitories, better family housing and more and better fitness and child development centers.

When it comes to pay and benefits, the glass

is beyond half full.

That said, it's important to meet head-on the concerns among some enlisted members that the pay table reform is skewed in favor of officers. It is true that some officers will receive bigger percentage raises than the average enlisted members. It is also true that this one-time imbalance is more severe for the Air Force than for the other services.

But there's a reason. First, pay table reform, was not designed as a pay raise. It is meant to correct a long-standing problem. For years, we have been rewarding longevity too much and promotions

too little. That problem is more severe on the officer side, so the fix needed is larger. Even so, when taken over the course of a typical career, the average officer and average enlisted member benefits equally from pay table reform.

Second, the Air Force historically has been slower to promote than the other services. This primarily is because we need to retain more of our skilled senior noncommissioned officers. The effect is that few of our enlisted members are promoted early enough to reap the biggest raises offered by pay table reform. That's certainly not ideal, but the pay reform plan was a Defense Department-wide effort, requiring compromises.

What we are doing, however, is speeding up promotions. We plan to increase the percentage of our enlisted force in the top five grades from the current 48.5 percent to 56 percent of the force by 2003. That means more and faster promotions, which in turn means earlier and bigger raises. Stay focused on the big picture.

General Ryan and I will do everything we can to build on this year's successes to ensure that your pay and benefits reflect the service and sacrifices you make daily.

"When it comes to pay and benefits, the glass is beyond half full."

Whit Peters
Secretary of the Air Force

Pay table reform restores balance for promotion vs. longevity

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — If signed by the President, the first significant change to the Department of Defense pay table since 1949 will reward promotion over longevity and put more dollars into the pockets of the majority of Air Force members, according to service officials.

The reform, which is included in the fiscal 2000 National Defense Authorization Act currently being considered by the Senate, stems from a fundamental review of the overall military compensation system by the 7th and 8th Quadrennial Reviews of Military Compensation.

The QRMCS addressed whether the current pay table provided an adequate framework to attract and retain high quality men and women through the 1990s and beyond.

Based on this review, the proposed July 1 pay table reform was primarily recommended to:

- Make pay increases for promotions more meaningful, successively more valuable and greater than corresponding longevity increases.
- Provide uniform and consistent longevity raises.

Consequently, pay table reform targets specific pay grades with varying percentage pay increases to overcome the gap between promotion and longevity. This increase is in addition to the proposed 4.8 percent across-the-board pay raise all military members receive Jan. 1.

To fully appreciate the value of pay table reform, Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Michael E. Ryan said "you have to look at it for what it is — a one-time modification to the pay table."

He emphasized a key consideration was to ensure no one, in any branch of service, lost money because of the reform. Ultimately, more than three-quarters of the enlisted force and half of the officer corps will see some level of pay increase under the reform.

"If you compare the number of Air Force members assigned to each grade and by years of service," General Ryan said, "the combined 4.8

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BRIEFS

Hometown News holiday greetings rescheduled

The Army and Air Force Hometown News Team Holiday Greetings television crew is rescheduled to visit Kadena Oct. 18-19.

Taping will still take place at Marek Park Pavilion 1.

- **Air Force:** Oct. 18 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. to noon.
- **Army:** Oct. 19 from noon to 4 p.m.

All previous appointments were cancelled. Call Staff Sgt. Keith Tuten, 18th Wing Public Affairs, at 634-1509 to reschedule.

Tee House closure

The Tee House Restaurant will be closed Tuesday due to on-going renovations of the building. The restaurant will re-open at 6 a.m. Wednesday.

Special computer training for college admissions and financial aid

The Department of Defense Dependent Schools has scheduled a computer software-training program for high school guidance counselors, computer specialists and teachers Thursday.

Parents and students willing to share their skills can attend a special class Oct. 15.

Classes will be held at Kubasaki High School, Building 600 Room 623, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information or to make reservations, call Roger Linnett at 634-3455/0701 or George Carpenter at 645-3728.

Volunteers needed

- One hundred 9- to 15-year-old children are needed as volunteers for the International Tug of War in the 1999 Okinawa International Carnival Oct. 30.

For more information or to volunteer, call the Kadena Youth Center at 634-0500.

- The Pumpkin Patrol needs volunteers to walk through the base housing areas Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m.

The Pumpkin Patrol will be keeping watch for children "Trick or Treating" and vehicles driving through the neighborhoods.

Anyone interested in volunteering, contact the 18th Security Forces Squadron Crime Prevention section at 634-1212.

After-hours dental care

Dental care for after-hours emergencies can

be obtained by calling 643-7555 at the U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa, Camp Lester. Lester officials will contact the Air Force dental officer of the day for all dental emergencies. This service is available whenever the Kadena Dental Clinic is closed.

The Dental Clinic has various ways for making an appointment with them. There is the regular appointment line at 630-4011; the voice mail line at 630-4666; through the web page at www.kadena.af.mil/kadena/18wg/18mg/dental/startpage.htm; or through e-mail at 18ds.appt@kadena.af.mil.

Air Force Community Needs Assessment surveys available

The Air Force Community Needs Assessment surveys will be distributed by the Family Support Center during October.

Approximately 2,200 people from Kadena have been selected to participate. Squadron points of contact will pass out the surveys to active duty members and surveys for spouses will be put in their PSC boxes.

The survey will address several areas, including children's issues, child and youth programs, community programs, services needed, job and military issues and individual family issues.

For more information, contact the Family Support Center at 634-3366.

Quicker promotions equal more money for AF enlisted

WASHINGTON - A change in the enlisted force structure is putting more money in the pockets of the Air Force's top five enlisted grades sooner, according to personnel officials.

Increasing the percentage of active-duty enlisted in the top five grades will increase promotion opportunities at the same time it reduces sew-on times.

"This translates into bigger and faster raises," said Maj. Gen. Susan L. Pamerleau, director, personnel force management, deputy chief of staff, personnel, Air Force headquarters.

By 2003, the number of active-duty enlisted in the top five grades will rise from 48.5 to 56 percent. General Pamerleau said the increase is necessary because of a growing need for a more senior and experienced noncommissioned officer corps.

In regard to timing and opportunity, the general called promotion planning the key element in the Total Objective Plan for Career Airmen Personnel, which carries out the service's enlisted force management dictates.

Working toward such a force mix, personnel officials have laid the foundation to increase the percentages in the top five enlisted grades. During the drawdown, the Air Force used TOPCAP's minimum promotion rates to avoid overproducing NCOs.

Today's more stable end strengths, combined with a richer top five-grade mix, allows the service to raise enlisted promotion opportunities.

Pamerleau said the Air Force's enlisted force management objectives are clear:

- meet commanders' needs with the appropriate balance of experience and skill;
- provide reasonable career progression opportunity; and
- maintain a self-sustaining, vigorous force with a stable, career force.

To achieve these goals, Air Force personnel officials are taking a three-pronged approach.

"First, we have dramatically increased promotion opportunities," General Pamerleau said.

For example, in 1995, the promotion rate for staff sergeant promotions was 16.6 percent of eligibles; for the 1999 promotion cycle, it was 36.3 percent — the highest ever seen under the Weighted Airman Promotion System.

Second, personnel officials have changed the enlisted force structure from no more than 48.5 percent of active-duty enlisted in the top five grades to 52 percent in fiscal 2000 and increasing to 56 percent by FY03.

"These combined actions will result in our third prong, reducing the sew-on time for staff sergeants from 7.6 years in 1995 to 6.8 years this year, and moving down to 6.1 years by 2003," she said.

This means the average airman will sew on E-5 18 months sooner than they previously would have.

Similarly, for technical sergeant, the promotion rate was 11.2 percent in 1995; currently it is 24 percent; with sew-on time projected to decrease from 14.1 years last year to 12.8 years by 2003.

NOTE: The new pay chart was not available through official channels at press time; however, it will be available in *The Kadena Shogun* in the near future.

CSAF team fixes slow Web survey connect times

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — More than 3,900 people completed the Air Force Chief of Staff Survey online Sept. 30 and another 8,500 have started the poll as the survey team fixed connection issues and slow access times.

The Web-based portion of the CSAF Survey launched Sept. 30 and almost immediately the Web traffic was overwhelming, said Capt. Scott Hopkins, who heads the CSAF Survey team. Many Web users connected and were able to participate in the survey without incident. Some, however, wondered if the survey portion of the Web site was up and running correctly.

"It was tough for a few people Sept. 30," Hopkins said. "It's great that there are so many people out there who want to participate. If they use the Web, they should be able to access the survey with no problem now. If there is still some residual slowness on the Web, people can expect it to be fixed. In the meantime, they may just have to wait a bit longer or take the survey at a less-than-peak period."

Hopkins said a fix, a third server, was added late in the day Sept. 30 to manage the massive load.

In addition, other networking fixes were put in place to get users on and off the site faster allowing them to start or complete the survey.

The commitment of the CSAF Survey Team is to provide you speedy access to this survey.

"It's vital that every Air Force officer, enlisted and civilian take the '99 CSAF Survey," he concluded.

嘉手刈さん逆境を乗り越え、米国高校卒業資格を取得

元基地内従業員で、就業中にけがを負った嘉手刈尚人さんのために、9月26日、日曜日カデナUSOにて、彼の学問と芸術の偉業をたたえる特別式典が、盛大に行われた。第18航空団司令官ジェームズ B. スミス准将も出席し、40名の参加者を前に、米国高校卒業資格証書を嘉手刈さんに手渡した。

スミス准将は、「これだけのことを成し遂げた嘉手刈さんの努力に敬意を表する」として嘉手刈さんに賞賛の言葉を贈った。

嘉手刈さんの描いた作品がUSOの壁に掛けられ、その中で、彼は手助けしてくれた多くの人々に感謝の気持ちを述べた。

メリーランド大学のジョイス・トラフトン教授によると、嘉手刈さんは手足まひの障害を持ち、偉業を達成するために身体的、社会的挑戦を乗り越えなければならなかったとい

う。嘉手刈さんの成功にはトラフトン教授の広範囲にわたる支えがあった。英語学習をする中、絵の描き方などの助言を教授がしてくれたのだ。「初めのころ、彼は小さな範囲の絵を描いていました。しかし、練習が進むにつれ、大きなキャンバスに描けるようになりました」とトラフトン教授は言う。

「ここまでずっと支えてくれたジョイス・トラフトン教授に、特に感謝したい」と嘉手刈さんはお礼を述べた。

「尚人さんは、人はやる気を見ればその周囲の人を良い方向に変えることができるんだということを理解するようになりました。彼の好きな言葉は、一日一善です」とトラフトン教授が加えた。



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第18航空団司令官ジェームズ B. スミス准将から高校卒業資格証書を受け取った嘉手刈尚人さん。

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reform. "If you compare the number of Air Force members assigned to each grade and by years of service," General Ryan said, "the combined 4.8 percent pay raise and pay table reform generate an average pay increase of 6.21 percent for enlisted members and 6.17 percent for officers."

He said for those who may not see a big increase July 1, the true benefits of pay table reform lie in the increased earnings over the span of their career as they get promoted and continue even into retirement. "Benefits," he said, "that will ultimately add up to thousands of additional dollars."

The reform targets mid-level officers and noncommissioned officers across the DOD.

However, some Air Force NCOs will not see the maximum pay boost the reform offers because of differing enlisted promotion rates among the services.

General Ryan attributes this to differences in missions, force structure, and technical requirements all, which he said help drive promotion rates.

"The Air Force promotes later to the top-five enlisted grades than our sister services do," he said. "Therefore, when you have a pay table that favors promotion over longevity there are going to be instances where Air Force NCOs will not immediately reap the maximum benefit of the DOD pay table reform."

"The key," he said, "is looking at the cumulative effect of increased earnings throughout a career instead of focusing in on a current pay cell."

Additionally, he pointed to continuing efforts to decrease sew-on times and increase promotion opportunities within the Air Force.

For example, in 1999 the average sew-on time for staff sergeant decreased by six months and opportunities for promotion increased to more than 36 percent. "These faster promotions will be rewarded under the new pay table, ultimately resulting in increased career earnings," General Ryan said.

"By itself pay table reform rewards promotion and increases lifetime earnings," said General Ryan. "Together with the proposed 4.8 percent pay raise and repeal of the REDUX retirement, it represents the most comprehensive package of compensation and pay benefits for service members in 50 years."

Kadena commander outlines philosophy of off-duty conduct

By Brig. Gen. James B. Smith
18th Wing commander

One of the most important goals that I have as commander of the 18th Wing is to ensure that, during their tour on Okinawa, Air Force members, civilians, and family members act as responsible guests of our host nation.

Past events and the future success of our missions on Okinawa make it imperative that I publish this Off Base Conduct Guidance in order to maintain the 'good neighbor' relationship.

This guidance outlines the objectives and principles with which all military members, dependents, and civilian employees need to be familiar. This guidance is applicable to ALL areas/locations on Okinawa, but specifically addresses activity in the area which has been known as the Gate 2 (Kadena AB "Moromi" bar district) 'curfew' restricted zone.

Several years ago, the area outside of Gate 2, including the Moromi bar district, was determined to be the primary location of too many altercations, confrontations, and alcohol-related incidents.

The area is in close proximity to our USO, a number of entertainment establishments concentrated within walking distance of a military bus stop, and Kadena AB, which is a home and workplace for all services. It is a destination for visitors from other installations on the island, as well as the rest of the world.

Typically, incidents would occur between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m., predominantly among service members.

As a result, a curfew was established placing Gate 2 Street and the Moromi bar district off limits during the curfew hours. The curfew was implemented and enforced by all branches of the United States Armed Forces. However, in the past several months, the Mayor of Okinawa City and I have discussed on numerous occasions the stigma that this curfew unfairly places on Okinawa City and the negative effect that it has on businesses in the area.

I agree that it is time to lift the curfew, on a trial basis, with the understanding that, if there is no increase in the number of incidents, I will eventually rescind the curfew order permanently. The conduct of military members, civilians, and family members will be the litmus test by which I gauge the wisdom of my final decision.

To encourage everyone to act as true ambas-

sadors for America and to normalize relations with all of Okinawa City, we will work with the other services, Okinawa City business and municipal agencies, as well as the civilian police, to support a community environment that ensures responsible behavior by U.S. personnel.

Although individuals are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the highest standards, it is also a leadership function to deter incidents with a proactive display of appropriate conduct and positive attitude by setting the example and taking appropriate actions on incidents.

Clearly, intervention and contact with military and local police authorities is authorized and can be expected.

All commanders and supervisors are responsible for educating and emphasizing that the off-duty/off-base conduct of their personnel should be above reproach. It is essential that all personnel understand that both military and civilian misconduct significantly impairs mission readiness and threatens foreign relations and operational capability.

Therefore, individuals will be held strictly accountable and offenses will be sanctioned to the fullest extent of judicial and/or administrative authority. Personnel must realize that they are guests in this country and must conduct themselves in accordance with both our nations' laws.

Two specific Japanese laws must be mentioned.

First, the legal drinking age in Japan is 20 years old. Further, no one is permitted to sell to anyone under this age. By service regulation, Marines and Navy personnel attached to USMC Bases Japan must be 21 years old to consume alcohol.

Second, any person who has, by extremely coarse or violent behavior or language, disturbed visitors at public restaurants or bars may be subject to Japanese criminal prosecution. Owners and managers of establishments may be liable for the conduct of intoxicated patrons and, therefore, have the right to refuse service to anyone who acts, or appears to be intoxicated.

This command is directed to support and enforce respect for these laws. Most significant is that besides all personnel being subject to the laws of Japan, active duty military members are subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice at all times and places. Conduct that is prejudicial to good order and discipline or tends to discredit the service will not be tolerated.

Next week's CERE: dress rehearsal for real thing

The 18th Wing will conduct a Combat Employment Readiness Exercise next week as part of its preparation for a major Pacific Air Force's inspection.

The CERE will validate the unit's ability to employ, support mission taskings, and survive-and-operate in a combat environment. PACAF inspectors will arrive in December to conduct a Combat Employment Readiness Inspection for the same purpose.

The CERE is an outgrowth of what was formerly

referred to as an Operational Readiness Inspection.

"This is a dress rehearsal for the real thing in December," said 18th Wing commander Brig. Gen. James B. Smith. "It's been several years since the wing faced an inspection of the kind scheduled for December, so we may encounter some unexpected challenges," he said. "This is a chance for Kadena people to test capabilities and fix problems, and I urge everyone to take full advantage of the opportunity."

Action Line

634-3327

Brig. Gen. James B. Smith
18th Wing commander



The 18th Wing is very interested in your ideas that could make Kadena an even better place to live, work and play.

If you have a concern that you have been unable to resolve through normal chains of command, then we'll look into it.

Although not required, it is better to give commanders, first sergeants or the agency with which you have the concern the opportunity to correct the situation first. When that fails, give us a call; leave your name and telephone number so someone can get back to you and a brief summary of your concern.

The agencies listed below can be contacted directly if you have a complaint or problem:

AAFES Action Line — 645-4301
Base Exchange — 633-4570
Civil Engineer Helpline — 634-4270
Clubs — 634-3002
Commissary — 634-3640
Finance — 634-3006
Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline — 634- 0404
Home Telephone Helpline — 634-4080
Housing Maintenance — 634-HOME
Kadena Services — 634-1719
Medical and Dental — 632-9304
Safety — 634-SAFE
Security Forces — 634-2475

Traffic light not needed

Q: Is it possible to have a traffic light installed at the intersection between the Kadena Base Exchange and Main Street USA?

A: We appreciate your concern for the safety of Kadena motorists. However, the findings of a recent traffic study of that area didn't justify installing a traffic light. But, it identified several actions we could implement in the area.

We've installed a "Do Not Enter" sign where Sebile Street merges into Vincent Avenue, re-designated parking spaces near the intersection as mini-vehicle parking only, trimmed hedges to improve visibility, re-marked turn lanes to make them more apparent and removed an unnecessary stop line. After implementing these actions, the traffic situation has significantly improved.

The 18th Civil Engineer Squadron is reviewing the long-range base comprehensive plans to implement designs that will provide better traffic flow and roadway conditions for motorists in that area.

The long-range goal is to realign the intersection to improve traffic flow and safety at the intersection.

If motorists continue to practice defensive driving techniques and obey speed limits, there is no immediate need to change the traffic flows or to install a traffic signal. Anyone with questions or ideas about traffic flow should call Stephen Matthews, the base traffic manager, at 634-2511, or e-mail him at stephen.matthews@kadena.af.mil

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From fireman to family man

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looking to help others, but not to make himself look better — he does it because he likes to be able to help others.

"He's usually part of the 'behind-the-scenes' crowd, making things happen," Rabonza said.

It was this dedication and hard work that has won him many awards during his 10 years as a firefighter, including both the Pacific Air Forces and Air Force Civilian Firefighter of the Year in 1999 and the 5th Air Force Supervisory Master Labor Contract of the Year in 1997.

Hayashi credits his success to his wife Harumi.

"My life changed when I met my wife," Hayashi explained. "When I told her I wanted to become a firefighter, she told me to go for it. Ever since then, my life has been full of joy and happiness."

Harumi says he has done it all himself.

"He really loves his job and we have a really happy family so that makes him a better person," Harumi said. "He cleans the house, takes care of the kids, really helps out around the house. He's not 'special' around our house. The award (DOD Firefighter of the Year) is an appreciation for us, for our family."

Hayashi explains that he loves to clean the house and take care of his two daughters, Maria and Ami, and his son, Ryuichiro, because his wife does it while he's at work.

"While I'm at work, my wife has to take care of our children by herself," Hayashi said. "If one of my daughters gets sick, she has to take her to the hospital. She is wonderful."

Hayashi feels that being at work for 24 hours straight is the only draw-back to being a firefighter.

"With me, work comes first," Hayashi said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Gary Fowler

Hayashi waits for assistance from his crew while holding a fire hose. He and his crew practice almost every day.

But, when Hayashi is off work, he enjoys spending as much time with his family as possible. He recently took a day off so he could take his family to Ie Shima Island. Hayashi, his wife, their children and his wife's parents spent the day



Courtesy photo

Hayashi and his wife, Harumi, pose for a family photo with their two daughters, Maria, right, and Ami, after dinner two years ago.

hiking around the island and just enjoying being together.

"I could see him like that," Rabonza said, "very relaxed, just enjoying himself and enjoying his family — just enjoying life in general."

The Great Escape: why it's important

By the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire and Emergency Services

For the second consecutive year, we teamed up with the National Fire Protection Association, the official

sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for nearly 80 years, and other fire departments across North America to execute "The Great Escape."

Launched by NFPA last fall, "The Great Escape" is a three-year effort to get more people than ever

before to develop and practice a home fire escape plan.

Results show that the campaign is already working. NFPA documented participation from nearly 250,000 families in "The Great Escape" last year, with 25 lives saved as a direct result.

Although our numbers here at Kadena are not as impressive, the statistics prove that home escape planning is vital to life safety.

With that in mind, fire departments throughout the United States and overseas on military installations tried to reach even more people with its home fire escape message during this Fire Prevention Week.

"Clearly, 'The Great Escape' has had a life-saving impact on the public," said Chief Master Sgt. Tony Rabonza, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection Flight chief. "It's wonderful to see the positive effects of this campaign on families on Kadena and throughout the United States so early on. My ultimate hope is that 'The Great Escape' reaches every military community on Okinawa, inspiring families everywhere to take action and learn to be safer from home fires."

Rabonza noted that much more still needs to be done to protect the

public from fire. In fact, more people continue to die from fires in their homes than any other location.

That's why we urged every Kadena resident to participate in "The Great Escape" basewide fire drill Wednesday at 6 p.m. As an incentive to get involved in this unified fire drill, NFPA is holding two grand prize contests for "The Great Escape" participants. The winner of each contest will receive a trip for four to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Fla., valued at \$10,000.

"Most people underestimate a fire's power and speed," said Master Sgt. Steve Kelly, Fire Protection Flight assistant chief. "In the best case, you only have one or two minutes to escape a typical home fire safely."

Home fire escape planning and practice are critical to life safety because they ensure that everyone knows how to use those minutes wisely and escape unharmed.

"The Great Escape" fire drill and contests, along with school participation, made Fire Prevention Week fun. "At the same time, these activities can literally save lives," said Kelly.

For any questions about Fire Prevention Week, call us at 634-4500.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Denise Berdar

Staff Sgt. Tim Knight, Fire Prevention Section, shows Samuel Queen how to extinguish a grease fire during an Activities Fair at the Schilling Community Activities Center Sunday.

Okinawa Happenings

Off-Base

Exhibitions

Through Oct. 17: *Ancient Okinawan Artifacts Exhibit* — Okinawa City Municipal Museum — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — closed Mondays and holidays — free — 932-6882 for more information
Through Oct. 28: *Ananas Flower Exhibition* — Bios Gardens in Ishikawa — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — ¥630 ages 13 and over, ¥300 ages four to 12 years, under three enter free — 965-3400 for more information
Oct. 10: *Bullfighting — Yakena Bullring* — 1 p.m. — ¥2,500
Oct. 12-18: *Ichiro Tsuruta Art Exhibition* — Mitsukoshi Department Store fifth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. — free
Oct. 17: *Bullfighting — Akamichi Bullring* — 1 p.m. — ¥2,500
Oct. 19-25: *Michelle Henry Art Exhibition* — Mitsukoshi Department Store fifth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. — free
Oct. 19-25: *The 9th Hokkaido Products Exhibition* — Ryubo Department Store sixth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. — free

Festivals/Fairs

Through Oct. 11: *Italian Furniture Fair* — Mitsukoshi Department Store sixth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Through Oct. 11: *Upright Lamp Fair* — Mitsukoshi Department Store fifth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Through Oct. 31: *Steak and Seafood Fair* — Boston Club — 2-11 p.m. — ¥4,000 per person — 936-6161 for more information
Oct. 9: *The 1st Drum Festival in Shimajiri* — Naha Civic Center — 5-9 p.m. — ¥2,500 advance per adult, ¥1,500 advance per child, ¥3,000 at-the-door per adult, ¥2,000 at-the-door per child — 889-5920 for more information
Oct. 9: *Naha Festival*, Highway 58, Kokusai St. and Onoyama Athletic Grounds — noon — free — 868-4887 for more information
Oct. 10: *Naha City Tug of War* — Kumojo area Highway 58, Kokusai St. and Onoyama Athletic Grounds — 4 p.m. — free — 868-4887 for more information
Oct. 10-31: *Jewelry Fair* — Ryubo Department Store seventh floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. — 867-1171 for more information
Oct. 16-17: *Gushikawa City Festival* — Gushikawa City office - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — 974-3111 for more information
Oct. 30-31: *Okinawa City Festival*, outside Gate 2 area — giant tug of war

Dining/Shows

Daily: *Ramada Renaissance Okinawa, Asian Pacific Brunch buffet* — Renaissance Hotel Sailfish Cafe, first floor — 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. — ¥1,900 per person,

The following is a commonly used list of telephone numbers for this week's off duty activities:
 Schilling Community Activities Center — 634-1387
 Kadena Family Support Center — 634-3366
 Kadena Information, Tickets and Tours — 634-4322
 Kadena Arts and Crafts Center — 634-1666
 Kadena Base Library — 634-1502
 Kadena American Red Cross — 634-1979
 Banyan Tree Club — 634-0644
 Rocker NCO Club — 634-0740
 Officer's Club — 632-6071
 Busena Terrace Resort Hotel — 098-051-1333
 Southeast Botanical Garden — 939-2555
 Renaissance Hotel — 965-0707
 Mitsukoshi Department Store — 869-4115
 Ryubo Department Store — 867-1171
 Bullfighting — 857-0185
 Gushikawa Civic Art Theater — 978-4400
 Prefectural Folk Theater — 866-2341



Submersible tours

Semi-submersible boat tours are available through Kadena ITT. Eight, 50-minute tours are offered daily. The cost is ¥3,500 per adult, ¥1,750 per child — meal packages available at extra cost. Tickets must be reserved. For more information, call 634-4322.

half price for children under 12

Daily: *Italian Pasta and Sweets lunch* — Renaissance Hotel Four Season, second floor — noon to 3:30 p.m. — ¥2,200 per person, half price for children under 12
Daily: *Dim Sum Delight* — Coco Garden Resort Hotel — 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., ¥1,600 — 5:30-10 p.m., ¥3,500 — half price for children under 12 — 965-1000 for more information
Through Oct. 31: *Italian Family Smorgasbord* — Okinawa Harborview Hotel — 6-9:30 p.m. — served only Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays — ¥2,800 per adult, ¥2,000 over 65, ¥1,400 four to 12 years, under three eat for free — 853-2111 for more information
Oct. 8: *Urashima Dinner Theater* — Kadena ITT — 5:30-10 p.m. — \$55 per adult, \$30 per child
Oct. 15 through Mar. 31, 2000: *Ramada Renaissance Okinawa, Hawaiian Night Asian buffet and dinner show* — Renaissance Hotel — shows every night at 5:30 and 8:30 p.m. except Tuesdays — ¥5,250 in advance, ¥6,006 at the door, half price for children under 12

Dance/Music

Oct. 9: *Jazz in Renaissance* — Renaissance Hotel Outdoor Pool-side — 7:30-9:30 p.m. — ¥2,200 advance, ¥2,500 at-the-door — price includes one soft drink and ticket for prizes — advance tickets sold at hotel
Oct. 11: *Live music concert* — Kumojo area Highway 58, Kokusai Street and Onoyama Athletic Grounds — 6 p.m. — free — fireworks and more — 868-4887 for more information
Oct. 11: *Okinawa Modern Dance Company junior performance* — Pallet Folk Theater — 6-9:30 p.m. — ¥2,500 — 885-6208 for more information
Oct. 12: *Okinawa Dance and Music show* — Kadena ITT — 6-10:30 p.m. — \$25 per adult, \$15 per child
Oct. 14: *Prague Orchestra Music Concert* — Sugar Hall — 7-9 p.m. — ¥3,000 advance, ¥3,500 at-the-door — tickets available at Fukuhara Music Store
Oct. 19: *Ryukyuan Dance Performance* — Okinawa Prefectural Folk Theater — 8 p.m. — ¥2,500
Oct. 20: *The 7th Annual Brass Ensemble Concert* — Pallet Folk Theater — 7-9 p.m. — ¥1,000 for adults, ¥500 for students — 833-0297 for more information

Sales

Oct. 12-18: *Second Hand European Vessel and Noritake Sale* — Mitsukoshi Department Store sixth floor — 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tours

Fridays in October: *Sunset Cruise* — Kadena ITT — 6-8 p.m. — \$25 per person
Oct. 9: *Expo/Neo Park* — Kadena ITT — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — \$20 per adult, \$15 per child
Oct. 10: *Naha Tug of War* — Kadena ITT

— 2-7 p.m. — \$15 per adult, \$12 per child
Oct. 15: *Guwa Jazz* — Kadena ITT — 7 p.m. to midnight — \$30 per person
Oct. 16: *Battle of Okinawa* — Kadena ITT — 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. — \$25 per adult, \$20 per child
Oct. 17: *Sacred Places, Shrines and Temples* — Kadena ITT — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. — \$20 per adult, \$15 per child
Oct. 20: *Naha Shopping* — Kadena ITT — 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — \$15 per adult, \$12 per child
Oct. 23: *Arts and Crafts* — Kadena ITT — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — \$18 per adult, \$15 per child

International tours

Oct 9-17: *China* — Kadena ITT
Oct 10-13: *Singapore* — Kadena ITT
Oct. 30 through Nov. 2: *Hong Kong* — Kadena ITT
Nov. 6-12: *Vietnam* — Kadena ITT
Nov. 24-27: *Hong Kong* — Kadena ITT
Nov. 24-27: *Bangkok* — Kadena ITT
Nov. 25-29: *Kyoto* — Kadena ITT
Dec. 26 through Jan. 3: *The Millennium in Bali* — Kadena ITT

On-Base

Officers Club

Mondays
 • *Flashback Retro 80* — Weekender Lounge — 8-10 p.m.
Tuesdays
 • *All-You-Can-Eat Free Pizza* — Weekender Lounge — 5-7 p.m.
 • *Classic rock DJ* — Weekender Lounge — 8-10 p.m.
Wednesdays
 • *Variety music* — Weekender Lounge — 8-10 p.m.
Fridays
 • *High Energy with Rob* — Weekender Lounge — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Saturdays
 • *DJ Dance* — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Oct. 11: *Club holiday hours* — cashier cage — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Pizza Room — 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. — Weekender Lounge — 4-11 p.m. — Slot Room — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. — Lunch Buffet and Din-

ing Room are closed
Oct. 12: *Just For Laughs* — Weekender Lounge — 8 p.m. — Clen Vance and Creppa — open to Officers Club members 20 years and older only

Rocker NCO Club

Sundays
 • *All that Jazz* — Lounge — 4-8 p.m.
 • *Back in the Day* — Old school and soul music — Lounge — 8 p.m. to midnight
 • *Sunday Brunch* — children under 5 eat free
Mondays
 • *Country Music and Karaoke Sing-Along* — Lounge — 7 p.m. to midnight
 • *Monday Family Night* — members receive 20 percent off evening meals when dining with their family
Tuesdays
 • *Deja Vu Super 70's and 80's Variety and Classic Rock* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to midnight
 • *Boss and Buddy Night* — after 4 p.m.
Wednesdays
 • *Kid's Night* — Dining Room
 • *Ladies' Night* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to midnight
Thursdays
 • *Jazz Music* — Lounge — 5-8 p.m.
 • *Rhythm and Blues* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
Fridays
 • *Request Variety Top 40's* — Lounge — 5 p.m. to 2 a.m.
 • *Super Social Hour* — Lounge — 5-6 p.m.
 • *Rhythm and Blues* — Ballroom — 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m.
Saturdays
 • *Variety music* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.
 • *Rhythm and Blues* — Ballroom — 10:30 p.m. to 3 a.m.
Oct. 10: *All-Night party - Lounge - Jazz - 4-8 p.m.* — variety music — 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. — Ballroom — Rhythm and Blues/Hip Hop music — 10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. — Ballroom
Oct. 13: *Just For Laughs* — Lounge - 8 p.m. — Clen Vance and Creppa — open to adult members of NCO Club and authorized guests only
Oct. 22: *All-Night party* — Lounge — variety music — 8 p.m. to 3 a.m. — Ball-

room — Rhythm and Blues/Hip Hop music — 10:30 p.m. to 5 a.m.

Banyan Tree Club

Sundays
 • *80's and 90's variety music* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close
 • *All Night Toga Party* — 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. — games and prizes all night
 • *Sizzlin' Sunday Stampede* — 2-6 p.m.
 • *Sunday Steak Out* — Dining Room — 2-6 p.m.
Tuesdays
 • *Football Frenzy* — 8 p.m. — Monday Night Football games — chances to win lots of prizes and trips
 • *Absolute Alternative Music* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close
Wednesdays
 • *Ladies' Night* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close
 • *South Park Party* — Lounge — 10 p.m. — weekly contests with South Park giveaways
Thursdays
 • *Country Music* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close
Fridays
 • *Listen to Retro Rock* — 70's and 80's music — Lounge — 5-8 p.m.
 • *Freaky Friday Social Hour* — Lounge — 5-7 p.m.
 • *Underground Vibe* — blend of house, techno and trance music — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close
 • *Rhythm and Blues and Hip Hop music* — Ballroom — 9 p.m. to close
Saturdays
 • *Rhythm and Blues blend* — Lounge — 8 p.m. to close
 • *Request 90's variety music* — Ballroom — 9 p.m. to close
Oct. 14: *Just For Laughs* — Ballroom — 8 p.m. — Clen Vance and Creppa — open to adult members of the Banyan Tree and NCO Clubs and authorized guests only
Oct. 15: *Millennium countdown* — Lounge — 70's Trivia Contest — prizes awarded — enter drawing for special Flashback to the 70's grand prize for the winner
Oct. 16: *Retro 70's All-Nighter* — Ballroom — 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. — dress the part and play the 70's Game Challenge

CHAPEL

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Catholic	Inspirational Service — 9 a.m. — Chapel 2 Evangelical Service — 10:24 a.m. — Base Theater General Protestant Service — 10:30 a.m. — Chapel 1 Gospel Service — noon — Chapel 1	Foster Chapel
Protestant	Islam For information about services, call Gun-nery Sgt. Hefis Camp, 637-2167/4	Sunday Religious education — 9:30 a.m. — Camp Foster Credo Center
Jewish	Sunday Liturgical Service — 10:30 a.m. — Chapel 2	Eastern Orthodox Services Sunday Devine Liturgy — 9:30 a.m. — Camp Foster Saint Nicholas Chapel
	Friday Shabbat Services — 7:15 p.m. — Camp	Saturday Vespers — 5 p.m. — Camp Foster Saint Nicholas Chapel



MOVIES

Keystone 634-1869

Tonight: "Rogue Force," R
Saturday: "Muppets from Space," G, and "Rogue Force," R
Sunday: "Muppets from Space," G, and "Rogue Force," R
Monday: "Double Jeopardy," R, and "The Haunting," PG-13
Tuesday: "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me," PG-13
Wednesday: "Inspector Gadget," PG
Thursday: "For Love of the Game," PG-13
Oct. 15: "For Love of the Game," PG-13

Movie schedules are supplied by the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. Patrons should call the theater to verify movie titles, ratings, and running and start times.

Butler 645-3465

Tonight: "For Love of the Game," PG-13
Saturday: "Inspector Gadget," PG, and "For Love of the Game," PG-13
Sunday: "Inspector Gadget," PG, and "The Blair Witch Project," R
Monday: "The Blair Witch Project," R
Tuesday: "Lake Placid," R
Wednesday: "Lake Placid," R
Thursday: "Double Jeopardy," R
Oct. 15: "Double Jeopardy," R

Videos

New video releases available each Tuesday at the base video stores. Because of shipping, release dates may vary.

Oct. 12
 "10 Things I Hate About You"
 "Good-bye Lover"
 "Just a Little Harmless Sex"
 "Privates of Silicon Valley"
 "SLC Punk"
 "The Rage: Carrie 2"
 "Warlock III: End of Innocence"

Oct. 19
 "A Walk on the Moon"
 "Among Giants"
 "Children of the Corn 666"
 "Election"
 "eXistenz"
 "Life"
 "Metroland"
 "The Color of Courage"



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Wayne Willard

Workers from the 18th Civil Engineer Squadron's heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration shop put in 14 to 16-hour shifts to get schools like Kadena's Bob Hope Primary School back on line.

Base civil engineers work 'miracle' to cool schools

By Staff Sgt. Adam Johnston
18th Wing public affairs

A miracle.

That's how Lt. Col. Douglas Tucker, 18th Civil Engineer Squadron commander, describes his workers' solutions to an air conditioning problem that forced military and school officials to initially call for half-day attendance at three base schools last week.

Last week plans were in-place to begin half-day sessions at Kadena Elementary School, Amelia Earhart Intermediate School and the Bob Hope Primary School. But base officials say a weekend of scrambling by several base agencies put the schools back on a full day's schedule of classes before that plan got underway last Monday.

"(They) pulled off a miracle through contracting and supply to get the air conditioning back up to at least the levels before the typhoon," Tucker said about the schedule switcheroo.

For months air conditioning service at the schools had been in decline, Tucker said. "The contractor wasn't responsive and we were asked to get the schools back up," he said. But while base civil engineers were tapped to take responsibility for the repair work, he said such work couldn't be started until the maintenance contract expired Sept. 30.

Tucker said his workers were leaning forward to take on that load because civil engineers had made emergency fixes before. Tucker said they knew the prognosis for the schools air conditioning systems was not good.

In 16 years of civil engineering work, Master Sgt. Richard Windover, chief of facilities maintenance at Kadena, said he's never seen an air conditioning problem of the magnitude experienced by the schools last week. "We got a call that air conditioning had hit a catastrophic failure at three of the schools," he said. That call came on Thursday, Sept. 30.

After investigating the problem, Windover said that nine 100-ton chillers were either broken or needed to be replaced. The schools have 16 100-ton chillers. "A chiller is the heart of any air conditioning system," Windover said. "It's what cools

the water ... without a chiller, you have nothing."

While Windover's workers were able to install four new chillers he said fixes on the remaining five units were done by cannibalizing parts from broken units.

"It really was a miracle with what happened," said Shawne F. Cryderman, principal of Bob Hope Primary School. "I've never seen that type of support in my 21 years with DoDDs," she said. Cryderman said the school was not built to be able to open windows to cool the school down and because so, temperatures frequently soared to 85 to 90 degrees inside without air conditioning.

But while Cryderman - who has been principal of the school for three years - was pleased with the work so far, she was also cautious. "Our system is antiquated and has not been properly maintained," she said. "The troubles aren't over. My concern is with the pipes, now."

Tucker said work with the schools - which provided \$300,000 for an immediate fix to last weekend's problem - is continuing and long-term plans for all five schools at Kadena will include fixes to systems where Tucker said, "We won't find ourselves in that situation again."

"From an overall Kadena standpoint, (the work is a) 1,000 percent improvement," he said. "We're now addressing fine tuning of the system and working toward bringing the system up to expected levels, not pre-storm levels," he said.

Tucker, who's been in the commander's job for eight weeks, said he's proud to be associated with people who are "so committed to the mission and families of Kadena."

He also said his workers are rarely credited with "keeping the lights on" and typically take the heat when the lights - or air conditioning - don't work.

Tucker said his unit's recent work in preparing the base for an appearance inspection last month, its handling last week of a super typhoon's aftermath, and its miracle work last weekend with the schools air conditioners has left base officials impressed. Tucker said he couldn't ask for a better unit because his workers always work "above and beyond expectations."

Apparently, according to Tucker, the stuff of miracles.

Hudson named finalist in National Hispanic Program

By Charles K. Steitz
Kadena Shogun volunteer

Tamara K. Hudson, a Kadena High School senior, has been named a scholar finalist in the National Hispanic Recognition Program. She is the daughter of Juana and Rogelio of Panama City, Panama. Rogelio is a chief master sergeant with the 18th Supply Squadron and has served in the Air Force since 1978.

According to assistant principal Barbara Caldwell-Kinard, "Kadena High School is very proud of the achievements of this young lady. Tamara Hudson continues to excel in her endeavors, making not only her family proud, but also allowing KDHS to celebrate in her educational pursuits. We know Tamara will be will be successful in all that she strives to achieve. Congratulations again to Tamara for a job well done!"

"Tamara is a wonderful child. She is a self-motivated individual always in pursuit of new goals," said Juana Hudson.

The program recognizes the nation's top academic achievers of Hispanic heritage and encourages their enrollment in college. From an annual pool of more than 150,000 Hispanic students who take the Preliminary Standard Aptitude Test and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, only 3,600 Hispanic high school seniors are selected. The College Board selects students based on test scores and grade point averages.

Life no dress rehearsal

By Charles K. Steitz
Kadena Shogun volunteer

Brig. Gen. James B. Smith, 18th Wing commander, and his wife, Janet, have taken on a new responsibility with the adoption of the senior class at Kadena High School. The Smiths hope to share some of their personal and professional career perspectives to help students plan and set goals.

During an hour-long presentation on Sept. 28th, at the Kadena High School auditorium, General Smith outlined a number of scenarios to help students understand and appreciate the need to set goals and plan for the future.

"One of the most important components in life is being able to keep professional and personal options open," the general said. "To accomplish this you need to set up near term, mid-term and long-term goals. Long-term goals are the ones that may happen many years from now, like becoming a doctor; mid-term goals will lead you in the direction and serve as mile-stones, like getting through college with the grades necessary to get into medical school; near term goals are the most important, because they keep the door open, they provide you with the opportunities to change direction, re-focus and re-evaluate, and look for alternative ways to secure your goals."

General Smith went on to explain that during the course of his career, he started with maybe 100 items that he wanted to accomplish during his life. That number quickly increased to 500. Throughout the years, the list has grown to reflect his accomplishments and interests.

"The most important challenge is for you to list out the things you want to do during your life time. By starting with ideas, you can develop options, and from those options you can determine what requirements are necessary to obtain your mid-term goals. For example, if you want to become a doctor first you need to determine the kind of medicine you want to practice. Then you should locate the appropriate school of medicine that would provide you with the best opportunities to fulfill your goal," he said.

Kadena overcomes fatigue to win soccer tournament

By Senior Airman
Robert Parent
Falcon Fitness Center

The Kadena Falcons came out on top of a grueling Kadena Cup Soccer Tournament held here Oct. 1 and 3 that saw three teams dropping out because of fatigue and injuries.

After three days of intense soccer action, the Falcons prevailed in the championship game against a much younger Nahasho High School team (Okinawa), 4-1.

The Kadena Cup Tournament is the most grueling competition on island with a five-team, round robin and a six-team, single-elimination that promised the teams at least four games.

The 10 teams that competed had a wide diversity of backgrounds and were broken into two divisions by the luck of the draw. Division one consisted of the Kadena Falcons, Tafari, Misawa Jets, Yomitan United (Army), and Camp Lester Hospital. Division two consisted of Okinawan teams Shuri and Nahasho, as well as the Futenma Fire, KIC (a mixed team), and God Only Knows.

All games were held at McDonald Stadium and at Kadena High School. After the first round, the Misawa Jets were leading, 3-0; followed by the Kadena Falcons, 2-0; Tafari, 2-1; Yomitan, 0-3; and Lester, 0-3. In division two, Nahasho was in the lead, 2-0; followed by Futenma Fire, 2-1; Shuri, 2-1; KIC, 0-2; and God Only Knows, 0-2.

However, at the start of the third day, three



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Mark Sica, Kadena Falcon player, catches a pass during Kadena's first Kadena Cup Soccer Tournament held Oct. 1-3.

teams couldn't continue because of injuries or fatigue: Camp Lester, God Only Knows and Shuri.

The first game at 7 a.m. on Oct. 3 proved to be a thriller when the Kadena Falcons won a close game against Tafari by blasting a 35-footer into the corner of the net, winning 2-1. After an hour-and-a-half break, the Falcons were on the field again to play for the division championship against the undefeated Misawa Jets. After falling behind 1-0 to Misawa, the Falcons mounted a comeback and scored two in the second half to defeat Misawa 2-1.

standoff, 1-0.

The Tafari team placed fourth overall in the tournament, while Misawa finished third.

Despite a beautiful bicycle kick by a Nahasho player that put the ball in back of the net, the Kadena Falcons came out victorious by showing their superior endurance and skill as they beat their younger competitors, 4-1.

The Okinawan teams and the American teams bowed to each other, and then to the crowd, as a sign of respect and admiration for each other, to make this first tournament a memorable one.

BRIEFS

Kadena plans first triathlon

The first Kadena Triathlon is scheduled Oct. 23. It'll begin at 6 a.m. at the Kadena High School pool and ends at Kenney Park.

Competitors will swim five laps, bike 25 kilometers and finish with a 10-kilometer run. The cost is \$25, or ¥3,500. Trophies, T-shirts and prizes will be awarded to overall winners. The competition is open to athletes islandwide. To register, or for more information, call the Risner Fitness Center at 634-4443.

Fun Run planned Oct. 11

A Columbus Day 5/10-kilometer fun run starts at 8 a.m., Monday, at the Kinser Sports Complex on Camp Kinser. The run is open to athletes islandwide. The preregistration fee is \$10 or sign up the day of the race for \$15. Preregistrations are being accepted until Oct. 5. T-shirts are \$5 extra.

Awards go to first through third-place finishers of each division. For more information, call 637-1114.

Islandwide racquetball tournament

The Camp Hansen House of Pain is having

an islandwide open racquetball tournament Oct. 23 and 24 starting at 10 a.m. The cost is \$10 in advance, \$15 the day of the event. Sign up between Oct. 1-22, or between 8-9:45 a.m. the day of the event. For more information, call 623-4831.

Tour De Okinawa Nov. 12-14

The 1999 Tour De Okinawa bicycle road race and bicycle road tour is being held Nov. 12, 13 and 14 in Nago. There are 13 categories, with entry fees ranging from ¥5,000 to ¥15,000.

Application forms and a list of fees and categories are available at the Falcon Fitness Center. Applicants must pay in yen. Participants are asked to keep entry fees until a day before the race and a copy of all the application forms.

Registration cards will be available Oct. 7 and are due at Nago City Hall one day before the race or tour starts. For more information, call 634-1128.

Karate tournament kicks off

An open youth and adult karate tournament is being held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Oct. 24, in the Camp Courtney Fitness Center. It's open to everyone islandwide. The fee is \$10 for one event, \$15 for two and \$20 for three. Sign-ups are being

accepted from Monday until Oct. 21 at all Marine fitness centers, or on site the day of the event at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call 622-9221.

5-kilometer run Oct. 16

A Chief's Chili Cookoff 5-kilometer run starts at 8 a.m., Oct. 16, at the Kadena NCO Club. The cost is \$20, which includes a T-shirt and fruit, and winners earn awards. Entry forms are available at the Postal Service Center 80, the Kadena USO and the Schilling Community Activities Center, or ask any E-9 on the island.

For more information, call Chief Master Sgts. Ron Holmes, 634-9802; Roger Noyes, 634-4291; Alex Szumanski, 634-7388; or Bart Richardson, 634-2139.

Racquetball tournament Nov. 11-14

A Veteran's Day racquetball doubles tournament is slated Nov. 11-14 at the Risner Fitness Center. The tournament is open to players islandwide. There are two categories — novice and open. The fee is \$25 per team. Deadline for entry is Nov. 4. A players' meeting is set for 5:30 p.m., Nov. 10 in the Kadena tennis shop. For more information, call 634-1128/3450.